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DIKE REPAIRS TO PREVENT FLOODS -- New York Hua-ch'iao Jih-pao, 24 Apr 50

Peiping, 21 March (Hsin-hua) -- The Administrative Council of the Central People's government has issued urgent orders to all levels of government agencies concerned to cooperate in planning and carrying out the repair and strengthening of the dikes of cultivated fields and of rivers wherever it is necessary to withstand floods as great as those of 1949, particularly on the Yangtze, the Yellow and the Huai rivers. With the approach of good working weather and low water, this work should be carried out energetically, persistently, and faithfully, to prevent floods and safeguard agricultural production.

Officials and cadre should arrange for adequate finances, supplies, tools, recruitment, division of area responsibility, technical supervision, etc. The work must be completed by the middle of May in South China and by the end of June in North China.

TO RAISE YELLOW RIVER DIKES -- New York Hua-ch'iao Jih-pao, 3 Apr 50

Peiping, 21 March (Hsin-hua) -- The provincial governments of Shan-tung and Pingyuan have issued instructions for the spring repair work on the dikes of the Yellow River. The dikes are to be strengthened and raised to a height $1\frac{1}{2}$ meters above the high-water mark of 1949.

CIVILIANS REPAIR RIVER BANKS IN KWAMGTUNG -- Hong Kong Wen-hui Pao, 1 Apr 50

Canton, 31 March -- The banks of the Tung Chiang, the Fsi Chiang, the Pei Chiang, and the Han Chiang, the four largest rivers in Kwangtung, are being reinforced by the civilian population. About 35 percent of the work in the Hsi Chiang and Pei Chiang areas, which represents 1,360,000 cubic meters of earth work, was completed between 1 January and 15 March 1950, with an average of 30,000 civilians working each day. A portion of earth work along the Han Chiang, and more than 500,000 cubic meters along the Tung Chiang was also completed during the same

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period. The entire work is expected to be completed before the beginning of the spring flood season.

YANGTZE RIVER BANK BEING REINFORCED -- Hong Kong Wen-hui Pao, 3 Apr 50

Wu-hu, 2 April -- The south bank of the Yangtze River in Anhwei Province is being reinforced by a large number of civilians in that area. As of 15 March, about 50 percent of the entire project was completed, while Wu-hu and Tang-tu Hsien authorities are recruiting additional workers to complete the project before the spring high water.

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